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GOODBYE CHEAP TIX

Barclays: We've scrapped \$15 Nets tickets to fend off scalpers

By Megan Riesz
The Brooklyn Paper

Cheap Nets fans have lost their seats.

The Barclays Center is no longer selling the 2,000 \$15 tickets per game it promised in 2012 because scalpers were buying up the cheap ducats as fast as they could and flipping them, a company representative said.

"Last year, we found that many of our \$15 tickets were being resold for a higher price on the secondary market, which was against the spirit of our initial offer," said Nets spokesman Barry Baum.

Barclays Center head Brett Yormark told basketball magazine *Slam* in 2012 that the bundles of affordable tickets proved the "commitment we're making to the borough." The individual stubs are no longer for sale, but the arena is still



Nets fans get ready to watch Brooklyn's home team beat the hated Miami Heat.

offering the cheap seats to big groups, though this season's have been sold out since August, Baum said.

"This year we decided to offer \$15 seats through our group sales department as a way to ensure that the tickets were being used by people who bought them at the original price."

The Nets' 2012-2013 season, its first, saw some fans snap up the bargain basement admission slips while others were stonewalled and blamed scalpers, the watchdog website Atlantic Yards Report wrote.

By the beginning of this season, Yormark had changed his tune.

"We did decide that, after giving everyone a sampling opportunity, we are a business and we had to raise tickets, and we did," he told Bloomberg TV.

Nets tickets started out the season

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Photo by Paul Mantinka

Droppin' anchor

Jay Z made a homecoming visit to the Barclays Center on Jan. 12 as part of his Magna Carta Holy Grail tour.



Kristen Studard performs at Chicago's Annoyance Theater.

Learning to be funny

Chicago improv theater to open Brooklyn school

By Jaime Lutz
The Brooklyn Paper

Brooklyn is bringing up a bumper crop of comedians, but the vast majority have honed their craft in Manhattan — until now.

This month, Chicago's legendary improv theater The Annoyance will start offering comedy classes at Williamsburg's UnionDocs, making it the first laugh academy in the borough.

"There was no established school with a curriculum behind it in Brooklyn," said Philip Markle, the new school's class administrator. "There was a real demand for our type of training."

Manhattan is home to several improv schools, including the Upright Citizens Brigade, the Magnet, and the People's Improv Theater, which specialize in a longform style of on-the-fly jokes that makes them a training ground for sketch comedy shows.

The Annoyance brings an entirely different approach to Brooklyn from the Windy City, focusing on the relationships between characters rather than the "game" — taking a premise and running with it — that is the focus of the popular Upright Citizens Brigade.

"We believe there is no right way to do this," Markle said. "What we're saying is that this is one way you could

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Why a small Brooklyn library lied about Big Oil donation

Claimed they turned down money from ExxonMobil

By Danielle Furfaro
The Brooklyn Paper

An experimental Bushwick library's attempt to get into the black backfired after the book-minders' tale that they turned down money from Big Oil sprang a big leak.

The curators of the Mellow Pages Library became heroes of the local art scene last week when they claimed they refused a massive donation from Exxon-Mobil on moral grounds, but the gas

giant never offered them money in the first place.

"We have no record of any interaction whatsoever with this library, and the first we have heard of this matter is through media inquiries," said Exxon-Mobil spokesman Richard Keil.

The year-old library on Bogart Street at Harrison Place houses more than 3,000 titles and gives annual memberships for \$20 or 10 donated books. Founders Matt Nelson and Jacob Per-

kins ran an online fund-raising campaign to save the place in the fall. The pledge drive netted just \$5,218, far short of a \$20,000 goal. Shortly thereafter, the bookworms behind the project claimed they got an out-of-the-blue letter from ExxonMobil offering them \$50,000 in the form of three-and-a-half years of monthly rent payments.

On Tuesday, Nelson and Perkins posted a lengthy blog post on the Fanzine website asking supporters to



Photo by Stefano Giovannini

The Mellow Pages is a laid-back reading room in Bushwick.

weigh in on whether they should take the money from the company responsible for some of the world's largest environmental disasters, including part of the decades-long oil spill in Greenpoint that was three times the size of another company catastrophe, the Exxon Valdez spill.

The following day, the pair posted a lengthy letter on the library's Facebook page explaining that they were turning down the cash infusion because a) Perkin's father was an Alaskan fisherman whose livelihood was destroyed

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Record producer Martin Bisi has heard a lot at his BC Studio in Gowanus since he set up shop in the late 1970s.

Doc of ages in Gowanus

Film chronicles canal-side recording studio

By Megan Riesz
The Brooklyn Paper

Long before a federal clean-up was poised to dredge the toxic sludge from the bottom of the Gowanus Canal, one canal-side recording studio was kicking out a different kind of jam.

A new documentary chronicles the rags-to-semi-riches story of BC Studio, which has honed the sound of some of rock's most influential acts since back in the day — when the neighborhood that welcomed a Whole Foods Market in December was bet-

ter known for its baseball bat-wielding gangs.

"This is one of the last remaining studios with a long history," said producer Martin Bisi, who landed the two-floor space at Third Street and Third Avenue for

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GET UP, STAND UP!

Amnesty Int'l concert coming to Brooklyn

By Jaime Lutz
The Brooklyn Paper

Finally — a throwback concert for the millennials!

The Amnesty International Human Rights Concert series — famously part of the U2- and Sting-helmed Human Rights Now! tour 25 years ago — is making its comeback at the Barclays Center. On Feb. 5, the Prospect Heights arena will host the Flaming Lips, Lauryn Hill, Tegan and Sara, Cold War Kids, Cake, and

more, to raise money and awareness for the group's causes.

"We wanted to empower a new generation to stand up for human rights both at home and abroad," said Natalie Butz, spokeswoman at Amnesty International USA, explaining the youthful appeal of the 2014 lineup.

The original concert series ran from 1986 to 1998. The shows were inspired by Monty Python jokester John Cleese's Secret Policeman's Ball comedy galas, and

in turn served as the model for concert series such as Live Aid. In keeping with the money-making bent of those shows, the tickets for this concert are expensive — the cheapest are more than \$66 dollars and some "platinum" packages run as high as \$795.

"Bringing Human Rights Home" concert at the Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. in Prospect Heights, (917) 618-6100, www.amnestyusa.org/Feb5Concert]. Feb. 5 at 8 pm. Tickets start at \$66.



Associated Press

Amnesty International is bringing Lauryn Hill and other big names to the Barclays Center on Feb. 5.



Rock and Roll Playhouse

The planned Rock and Roll Playhouse combines a kid-friendly bar and restaurant with a late-night music venue that neighbors say will rock the block.

Playhouse folly

Neighbors give city an earful about Gowanus kids rock club

By Megan Riesz
The Brooklyn Paper

A kid-friendly restaurant that will double as an adults-only nightclub after 8 pm will turn a quiet block in Gowanus into a madhouse, opponents of the plan claimed on Tuesday.

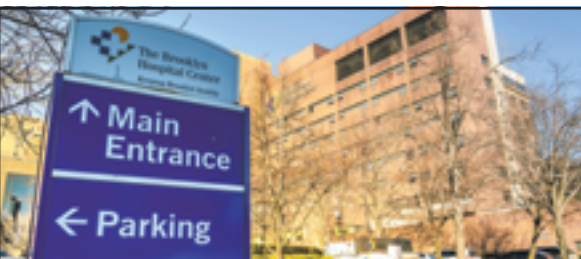
The Rock and Roll Playhouse planned for the industrial building at the corner of Bond and Degraw streets will flood the neighborhood with noise and boozed-up music fans, opponents said at a

city hearing, claiming the warehouse where it will be built has been silent as a morgue for as long as they have lived there, and any business that moves in must keep the peace.

"I have not ever seen any commercial activity on this property," said Emilie Poisson, a Degraw Street resident and member of the anti-Playhouse group We Are Gowanus.

Opponents also claim that the

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The Brooklyn Hospital Center is one of the few medical institutions in Brooklyn to weather the health care crisis.

Brooklyn Hospital wants to buy LICH

Proposal would turn part of the Cobble Hill medical center into apartments

By Jaime Lutz
The Brooklyn Paper

Brooklyn Hospital wants to buy Long Island College Hospital.

The Fort Greene hospital's proposal would re-purpose the exist-

ing buildings of Cobble Hill's Long Island College Hospital, turning some into housing and a portion into a medical center featuring ambulatory care, an emergency department, and other specialized

BROOKLYN HOSPITAL IS THE COMEBACK KID!
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departments, a Brooklyn Hospital Center executive said.

"This was a more recent devel-

opment based upon our analysis of community need and the best use of the facilities as we see it,"

said Joan Clark, vice president of strategic planning.

The plan comes a month after the State University of New York, which runs Long Island

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BROOKLYN NETS COVERAGE

Big Ticket switch to center

FRONT COURT
By Tom Lafe

The Big Ticket’s recent performance is worthy of borrowing a line from LL Cool J: “Don’t call it a comeback!”

That is exactly what the Nets want you to believe. But after watching them slog through the first quarter of the season, the recent winning streak sure had the feel of a comeback.

And no one was more instrumental to the Nets’ recent success than Kevin Garnett.

As this column noted earlier in the season, it wasn’t exactly a smooth transition from Boston to Brooklyn for KG. He was shooting poorly, he wasn’t defending with the same intensity and he looked like his age had finally caught up with him.

Now, it appears the fountain of youth must be located along Atlantic Avenue.

Since Brook Lopez went down with a season-ending foot injury, Jason Kidd



Associated Press / Kathy Willens

Kevin Garnett has taken over as center, and the Nets are starting to win.

has been forced to alter his lineup, moving Garnett to the five spot. And though it may not be Garnett’s natu-

ral position, the results are undeniable.

Since switching to center, Garnett and the Nets have

held opponents to just 90.8 points per game on 42.7 percent shooting. More importantly, the Nets are 5–0 in those games.

It is a similar role to the one Garnett was forced into last year in Boston—one in which he carried an undermanned Celtics team to the playoffs.

However, this year in Brooklyn he has depth on his side.

The Nets just welcomed back Andrei Kirilenko, who missed nearly every game this season with back spasms. Kirilenko may not fill a stat sheet like he used to in Utah, but he still drives opponents crazy, especially on the defensive end of the floor, so he’s a welcome addition to a Garnett-anchored defense.

It is certainly not where anyone thought the Nets would be at this point in the season, but KG is leading the charge, proving that it is still too early to write the Brooklyn off.

Tom Lafe is a 6-foot-5 sports-world insider with a middling high school basketball career who believes the Nets will be driven by the success of the team’s big men.

Kirilenko defies easy analysis

Nets’ Russian secret weapon looks terrible on paper

BACK COURT
By Matt Spolar

The NBA is in a golden age of statistics.

The advanced stats movement, once confined to nerdy corners of the Internet, has taken hold across the league in a very real way. Several general managers are now true believers, and coaches are expected to at least be familiar with the new metrics, if begrudgingly.

The league has bought in, as well, installing cameras in NBA arenas that track each player’s movement on the court at all times, giving stat geeks a slew of new measurements to analyze. Never be-

fore have we had this many numbers with which to dissect professional basketball.

And yet, how do you explain Andrei Kirilenko?

The 6-foot, 9-inch Russian returned to the Nets on New Year’s Eve after missing all but the first four games of the season with back spasms. Before his return, the Nets were 10–20. In the first seven games with AK–47 back, Brooklyn went 5–2.

To the naked eye, Kirilenko’s impact is obvious. Rangy but smooth, he is rarely out of position defensively and gives the opposing ball handler little room to work with. He has a knack for coming up with loose balls. In Brooklyn’s overtime win over Miami last week, it was Kirilenko who earned the charge call on LeBron James that caused him

to foul out for the first time since 2008. Before that call, Kirilenko’s D had clearly gotten under James’ skin, resulting in flashes of anger rarely seen from the King.

But James still scored 36 points that night with an absurd 57-percent shooting. Consider, too, that Kirilenko’s plus-minus rating (the number of points scored for or against a team when a player is on the court) is still –34, despite his having missed practically all of the Nets’ abysmal November and December games. And when he is on the court, the Nets’ opponents outscore them by 9.4 points per 48 minutes, the third-worst mark on the team.

Part of Kirilenko’s hidden impact may be that he is a perfect fit for the Nets’ new small-ball lineup, ushered in by a

season-ending injury to center Brook Lopez. Kirilenko’s size and agility allow him to play both the small forward and power forward position, easing Paul Pierce’s transition to playing big at the four spot and preventing the Nets from having to rely on Reggie Evans for more than a handful of minutes per night. He also shows discretion on the offensive end, adding just 6.7 points a night, but on 50-percent shooting.

The Nets are a better team with AK–47 than without. So far, how and why are better explained on the court than in a stat sheet.

Matt Spolar is a nearly 6-foot-1 journalist with a middling high school basketball career who is sure the Nets win thanks to team’s top-tier guards.

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Hoods attack, rob woman on Hicks St.

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Carroll Gardens–Cobble Hill–Red Hook

Three toughs chased down and robbed a woman on Hicks Street on Jan. 13, police said.

The 56-year-old woman said she was near Congress Street heading toward Long Island College Hospital at 11:10 pm when she noticed a suspicious man watching her on the Congress Street overpass. She continued down the boulevard until three men ran up on her, threw her to the ground, snatched her chain and ID, and grabbed her purse, cops said.

The woman's wallet was later recovered at Columbia and Congress streets, but was missing credits cards, and an iPhone charger, cops said.

Con Cheever

Bandits robbed a woman

on Cheever Place as she was walking home from the subway on Jan. 13, cops said.

The 32-year-old woman told police she was between Kay and Degraw streets at 10:04 pm when she got hit in the back of the head. When she turned around, three goons got in her face and yelled, "Give me your phone!" she said.

But when the victim yelled for help, the brutes booked it down Kane Street, cops said.

Special delivery

A crafty crook stole a woman's package from her Kane Street doorstep sometime between Dec. 30 and Jan. 2 — for the third time this month, police said.

The 46-year-old victim reported the package containing 144 T-shirts was delivered to her home between Clinton and Court streets sometime

between Dec. 30 at 2 pm and Jan. 2 at 4 pm, at which point she discovered it ripped open and empty.

Hicks heist

An anti-social auto-ophile drove off with a man's car from its Hicks Street parking spot sometime overnight on Jan. 11, police said.

The 34-year-old victim said he parked the white Dodge between Bush Street and Centre Mall at 9:30 pm and, when he returned at 1 pm on Jan. 12, it was gone.

There was no broken glass at the scene, according to cops.

— Megan Riesz

88TH PRECINCT

Fort Greene–Clinton Hill Park after dark

Two brutes pushed a woman to the ground and stole her purse while she was walking through Fort Greene Park on Jan. 5, police said.

The victim was near the intersection of Myrtle and North Portland avenues at 10:10 pm when the dastardly duo took her brown bag, which contained a smartphone, a wallet, and her learner's permit, cops stated. The thieves ran away on North Portland toward Park Avenue, according to the law.

Flash mob

A hungry mob crashed a convenience store Flatbush Avenue convenience store and grabbed candy, soda, a bag of potato chips, and a DVD on Jan. 12, police said.

When a worker tried to prevent the crowd from leaving the store near Grand Army Plaza without paying at 12:35 am, the suspects punched the man and pushed him to the floor, cops reported. Cops say they cuffed some of the wrecking crew later that night in a nearby fast-food joint.

— Jaime Lutz

68TH PRECINCT

Bay Ridge–Dyker Heights Rooftop raider

A lowlife used a rooftop perch to raid a Fifth Avenue apartment and steal \$750 in

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94TH PRECINCT

Greenpoint–Northside Go-box

A jerk punched a woman in the head and ran off with her cellphone on Kingsland Avenue on Jan. 8, cops said.

The victim told police that she was at the corner of Maspeth Avenue at 3:30 pm when the bruiser came up behind her, popped her in the face, grabbed her phone, and ran off.

The victim complained of pain to her head but refused medical attention, cops said. Police canvassed the area but could not find a suspect, they said.

Small change

Police cuffed a woman who they say beat her boyfriend for refusing to give her three dollars at their Norman Avenue home on Jan. 9.

The victim stated he was at the apartment between Jewel and Diamond streets at 1 pm when he refused to give his girlfriend money and she got angry and jammed her finger into his nose until it bled. The rage-a-holic then slapped the poor sap repeatedly in the face, pushed him into the wall, and choked him, he said. The woman was arrested and charged with assault, strangulation, and assaulting a police officer.

Tire-less

Two cars were stripped of their tires on Jan. 9, cops said.

The first victim told police that she walked to her parked 2014 Infinity on Morgan Avenue between Lombardy and Beadel streets at 7:15 am and saw that all of her tires and rims had been removed and the vehicle was sitting on cinder-blocks. In addition to the missing tires, the front passenger-side window was smashed, the wheel lock was broken, the front bumper was damaged, and so was the front passenger-side

Blockhead

Two lugs bashed a Fort Hamilton Parkway internet cafe owner on the brain-case with a cinder-block and stole his cash register on Jan. 12, police said.

The victim reported that the concrete-wielding crooks came into his cafe between 62nd and 63rd streets at 6:10 am. One smashed him on the head with the building cube and — when the store owner threw up his hands to shield himself — broke his arm, according to cops. The accomplice then grabbed the register, with \$200 inside, and the dirty duo fled the scene, cops said.

— Will Bredderman

door frame, police said.

On the same night, a man returned to his 2012 Honda parked on Monitor Street between Norman and Kingsland avenues at 2:30 pm and found all of the tires gone and the auto on blocks, per cops.

90TH PRECINCT

Southside–Bushwick Grab bag

A meanie mugged a woman for her purse, identification, and house keys on S. Eighth Street on Jan. 10, cops said.

The woman told police that she was between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue at 1:50 am on her way home when a nasty man grabbed her from behind and threw her to the ground.

"Give me your bag, b----," the loud said, then grabbed her purse off of her arm and ran off, according to police.

Bad gig

A pair of young punks beat, robbed, and threatened to shoot a musician as he was leaving a Berry Street gig on Jan. 6, police stated.

The 31-year-old victim reported he was at the corner of S. Third Street at 3:15 am when two teenagers came up from behind and punched him in the back of the head. The renegade roadies took his keyboard, guitar, amplifier, keyboard stand, hand-truck, cables, pedals, and case, cops said. As the goons were running away, one told the other to shoot the victim, the rocker said.

Turned around

An inventive robber got a man to lead him on a wild goose chase before trying and failing to rip off his iPhone on Humboldt Street on Jan. 10, cops said.

The victim said he was at the corner of Seigel Street at 12:10 pm when a conman asked him for directions. The victim led the conniver through the Boriquen Houses until the stranger asked to use his iPhone, cops said. When the victim said no, the robber strong-armed him, according to police.

"I have a knife and I will kill you," the goon said, and then pulled the phone out of the victim's hand, per police.

But the crook bent over to tie his shoes and the victim grabbed his device back, authorities reported.

Gun and done

A lowlife stole a woman's purse and iPhone at gunpoint on Meserole Street on Jan. 10, cops said.

It went down between Lorrimer and Leonard streets.

— Danielle Furfaro

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Bands of gold

Golden Fest brings Balkan dance party to Park Slope

By Meredith Deliso
for The Brooklyn Paper

The Balkan beat goes on. The Golden Festival, an annual celebration of Balkan music and dance, has been bringing together brass bands and the people who love them for nearly 30 years, since its humble beginnings in a Manhattan studio with three bands playing to about 100 people. When the festival takes over the Grand Prospect Hall in Park Slope on Jan. 17 and 18, more than 50 bands will play to an anticipated crowd of 3,000.

The party has grown each year, mostly by word of mouth, as more people have become familiar with traditional and contemporary forms of the frenetic folk music that is dominated by horns and drums.

“When it started nearly 30 years ago, there wasn’t an audience for this type of music,” said Michael Ginsburg, director of Zlatne Uste, a 14-member Balkan brass band that produces the festival. “But it’s moved much closer to the mainstream.”

At the two-day festival, Zlatne Uste will play the traditional music of the Balkans, representing Serbian, Macedonian, Bulgarian, and Romany traditions. Other highlights will include Merita Halili, a well-known Albanian singer, performing with the Raif Hyseni Orchestra; Souren Baronian, a specialist in Near Eastern jazz, who has been a fixture in New York since the 1950s; and local acts including the Veveritse Brass Band, Slavic Soul Party, and Sherita.

Sherita, which has performed at every Golden Festival since forming a couple



Main squeeze: Raya Brass Band is one of more than 50 groups and artists that will play the Golden Festival on Jan. 17.

of years ago, plans on performing a mix of Sephardic songs, Turkish dance tunes, and original songs in English.

“It is inspiring to play in a setting with so much deep appreciation, to hear so many wonderful bands exploring the music in their unique ways, and to dance in a huge circle with so many spirited and sweaty people,” said band director Rima Fand.

Indeed, dancing is a big component of the festival, which kicks off with a dance workshop and will feature traditional folk dancing throughout the weekend.

“There’s all kinds of dancing going on, from fairly complicated footwork to really simple steps which people can join in right away,” said Ginsburg. “It’s always been a very joyful and joyous event.”



All grown up: Child star Mara Wilson is back, with a storytelling event at Union Hall.

New kind of stage fright

Former child star debuts scary new storytelling night

By Meredith Deliso
for The Brooklyn Paper

Mara Wilson is afraid. The former child star, best known for her roles as the cute kid in “Matilda” and “Mrs. Doubtfire,” has a tendency to obsess or panic over problems in her life. Wilson, now 26, does not do much acting anymore, but she has taken those anxieties and turned them into fodder for her budding career as a writer and live storyteller.

Now, Wilson is debuting a storytelling night entirely devoted to what scares her. On Jan. 19, she and other performers will reveal their fears in “What Are you Afraid Of?” at Union Hall.

COMEDY

“What Are You Afraid Of?” at Union Hall [702 Union St. near Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400, www.unionhallny.com], Jan. 19 at 8 pm. \$10 at the door, \$7 in advance.

“I thought, I’m afraid of so many things, I swear, I could fill a whole show just talking about what scares me,” said Wilson.

Wilson has already made a name for herself at storytelling shows around the city, contributing to “Tell It: Brooklyn,” “My High School Boyfriend Was Gay” at Upright Citizens Brigade, “RISK!” at the People’s

Improv Theater, and “The Jukebox Show” at Union Hall, among others. Between these and the many, many other storytelling nights taking place around New York on any given night of the week, the city is not exactly lacking for regular events where people share personal narratives on stage. But Wilson said the focus of her show is what sets it apart.

“As far as I know, there is no New York show solely about being afraid, overcoming one’s fears, and perhaps most importantly, laughing at one’s fears,” she said. “It takes the power away from them — you can read that both in books on anxiety and in ‘Harry Potter.’”

At the Union Hall show, Wilson will be joined by friends and comedians Morgan Evans, Susan Kent, and Anna Drezen. As host, Wilson plans on asking her guests about their fears and talking about her own — such as the time she thought she had salmonella because she ate raw cookie dough — and then bringing in an expert on the subject to see if the fear is justified.

“It will be both funny and informative — we’ll talk about our fears, then assuage our fears, then laugh at them,” said Wilson, who said she hopes the night will be helpful for both the performers and the audience. “Maybe they’ll learn they’re not alone in what they’re afraid of.”

SHOW

Art on stage

It is comics as you have never read them before — live on stage!

An unusual artistic endeavour is coming to the Brooklyn Academy of Music on Jan. 18, when famed cartoonist Art Spiegelman and jazz composer Phillip Johnston present the US premiere of their collaboration, “Wordless!,” a series of graphic novels projected on a screen, narrated live by Spiegelman over the music of a six-piece jazz orchestra led by Johnston.

The pair knew they were treading new, weird waters when the performance was first staged at the Sydney Opera House in October last year, and drawing it all together was no easy feat.

“It’s sort of like a college lecture gone wrong,” said Spiegelman. “It’s part academic lecture, part stand-up comedy perhaps. It was much, much work with Phillip as we figured out how to do this thing.”

The cartoonist is best known for his 1991 Pulitzer Prize-winning graphic novel “Maus,” a biographical work in which he interviewed his father about surviving the Holocaust. This is not Spiegelman’s first collaboration with Johnston — who was the leader of many New York jazz bands in the ‘80s, and now resides in Australia — although it is their first fully actualized work.

“Wordless!” is chiefly comprised of “silent picture stories” by artists who shaped Spiegelman’s own art — including Frans Masereel, Lynd Ward, and Milt Gross — as well as a new work by Spiegelman, “Shaping Thought!” The cartoonist, who turns 66 next month, said he believes it is vital to be acquainted with one’s masters.

“It’s necessary to know what came before,” he said. “It’s been explained to me that that’s less true now, that it’s all a sampling culture. To me, it seems clear that as a cartoonist standing on the shoulders of giants, you’ve got to understand where you’re standing if you’re going to jump.”

“Wordless!” at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, Howard Gilman Opera House [321 Ashland Pl, between Lafayette Avenue and Hanson Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100, www.bam.org] Jan. 18 at 7:30 pm. \$30. — Samantha Lim

BOOKS

Lit legend

Joyce Carol Oates always has a story to tell. The famously prolific writer has published more than 40 novels in a career spanning more than half a century.

Oates’ latest work, which she will launch at powerHouse Arena in Dumbo on Jan. 22, comes in the form of “Carthage,” a characteristically dark and violent novel that follows the disappearance of a young girl, her father’s frantic search, and an Iraq War veteran who becomes a suspect.

Oates had the novel kicking around in her head for years before publishing it this month.

“It was generated by a double story — the passionate but futile love of an intelligent young woman for her older sister’s fiancé, an Iraqi War hero; the story of the ‘war hero’ and his difficult readjustment to the life he had left behind,” said Oates via email. “Like most of my novels, ‘Carthage’ is intended as a portrait of a society and a moral examination of its citizens.”

Even if you have never read a book by Oates, chances are you have read something by one of her pupils. A professor at Princeton College since 1978, she has taught the likes of Jonathan Ames, Alex Gansa (of “Homeland” fame), and Jennifer Weiner, among many others. Oates was also notably the advisor to Brooklynite Jonathan Safran Foer for his senior thesis, which grew into “Everything Is Illuminated.”

“I have probably read everything he has published,” said Oates.

Beyond books, the writer is also considerably prolific in another medium — Twitter. Oates said she enjoys the social media service because it allows her to indulge so many interests.

“If you follow women’s rights, animal rights, sharp-tongued/left-leaning comedians (of whom there are many) as well as the inimitable Steve Martin; if you are interested in absolutely up-to-date news; if you are interested in reliable succinct assessments of new movies, books, museum exhibits — all these Twitters are available, plus more,” said Oates.

Joyce Carol Oates releases “Carthage” at powerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666-3049, www.powerhousearena.com], Jan. 22 at 7 pm. Free. — Meredith Deliso

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EDITORS' PICKS

FRIDAY
January 17



Rhyme zone

There was a young poet from Britain, with whose rhymes the world became smitten. English performance poet Kate Tempest brings her Ted Hughes Award-winning show, "Brand New Ancients," to Brooklyn. The 27-year-old phenom's gritty rhymes are almost rap-like, as she delivers her tale of two south London families over a live musical score.

8 pm at St. Ann's Warehouse [38 Water St. between Dock and Main streets in Dumbo, (718) 834–8794, www.stannswarehouse.org]. \$25.

SATURDAY
January 18

Time of your life

Nobody will be putting Baby in a corner at Videology on Jan. 18, when the theater screens the 1987 slumber party classic "Dirty Dancing." There will be trivia contests both before and after the show, so flex those spaghetti arms, put on some beige iridescent lipstick, and get ready to show off your Swayze smarts.

8 pm at Videology [308 Bedford Ave. between South First and South Second streets in Williamsburg, (718) 782–3468, www.videology.info]. \$5.



SUNDAY
January 19

Hot topics

Fertilize your brain while wetting your whistle, at "Presentation Party Night." The monthly lecture series pairs talks on topics such as "The Art of Stand-up" and "The Business of Hot Sauce" with beer provided by Brooklyn Brewery and potluck-style snacks provided by the audience.

7 pm at Bat Haus [279 Starr St. between Wyckoff and St. Nicholas avenues in Bushwick, (917) 865–8660, www.presentationpartynight.com]. Free.



MONDAY
January 20

King for a day

There are many great Martin Luther King Jr. Day events across the borough, but BAM is hosting the biggest one of all. The keynote will be given by activist and scholar Angela Davis, plus performances by jazz and hip-hop artist Jose James and the Brooklyn Christian Cultural Center Singers.

10:30 am at Brooklyn Academy of Music, Howard Gilman Opera House [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix St. in Fort Greene, (718) 636–4100, www.bam.org]. Free.

WEDNESDAY
January 23

Bay bites

Hungry for some Brooklyn cuisine that doesn't come in a mason jar? "A Taste of Sheepshead Bay" has got what you are craving. The annual event returns, with a diverse range of neighborhood eateries such as Il Fornetto, Chayana Salom, and Anatolian Gyro serving up samples of their signature cuisines.

7 pm at Baron DeKalb Knights of Columbus [3000 Emmons Ave. near Nostrand Avenue in Sheepshead Bay, taste. sheepsheadbites.com]. \$25–\$35.

NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN

FRI, JAN. 17

INTENSIVE AERIAL WORKSHOPS: Presented by Grounded Aerial. Come fly and dance on their 30-foot vertical trampoline. No previous experience necessary. \$80–\$180. 9–11 am, Noon–2pm, 2–4 pm, 5–7 pm. Brooklyn Lyceum [227 Fourth Ave. at President Street in Park Slope, (718) 857–4816], www.brooklynlyceum.com.

ART, "IDIOM I": Group show featuring the work of Kirsten Deirup, J. Fiber, Darina Karpov, Ryan Mrozowski, and Lynn Talbot. Free. 11 am–6 pm. Pierogi [177 N. Ninth St. between Bedford and Driggs avenues in Williamsburg], www.pierogi2000.com.

ART, "MICHAEL BRENNAN: Grey Razor Paintings": Show featuring a suite of new small-format paintings that merge geometric and gestural abstraction. Free. Noon–6 pm. Minus Space [111 Front St. between Washington and Adams streets, Suite 226 in Dumbo, (347) 525–4628], www.minusspace.com.

TALK, MICHAEL MOSS: Author of "Salt Sugar Fat: How the Food Giants Hooked Us." Free. 7 pm. Park Slope Coop [782 Union Ave. between Sixth and Seventh avenues in Park Slope, (718) 622–0560].

ART, "BIG STROKES AND TINY LINES": Exhibition of work by Gabe Fonorow and Dana Crossan. Free. 7–10 pm. Brooklyn Fire Proof [119 Ingraham St. at Porter Avenue in Bushwick], www.brooklynfireproof.com.

DANCE, "TIME I KNOW": Solo concert choreographed and performed by Rebecca Stenn. \$20. 8 pm. Gowanus Loft [61 Ninth St. Near Smith Street, Loft C8 in Gowanus].

THEATER, "BRAND NEW ANCIENTS": Kate Tempest's genre-defying performance. \$25 (\$20 members). 8 pm. St. Ann's Warehouse [29 Jay St. between John and Plymouth streets in Dumbo, (718) 254–8779], www.stannswarehouse.org.

MUSIC, FRANKIE COSMOS, ES-KIMEAX, FLORIST, YOURS ARE THE ONLY EARS: \$8. 8 pm. Trash Bar [256 Grand St. at Driggs Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599–1000], www.thetrashbar.com.

MUSIC, JIM BLACK TRIO RESIDENCY: \$15 (suggested). 8:30 pm. IBeam Brooklyn [168 Seventh St. Third Fl. between Second and Third avenues in Gowanus], www.ibeam-brooklyn.com.

MUSIC, ROBERT GORDON, THE REACH AROUND RODEO CLOWNS, THE BLOODSHOTS: \$10. 8:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643–6510], www.thebell-houseny.com.

MUSIC, ST. LUCIA: \$20 (\$17 in advance). 9 pm. Music Hall of Williamsburg [66 N. Sixth St. between Kent and Wythe avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 486–5400], www.musichallofwilliamsburg.com.

MUSIC, ONAJE ALLAN GUMBS & NEW VINTAGE: As part of BAM-cafe Life. Free. 9 pm. Brooklyn

Dangerous doco: "Very Extremely Dangerous", a documentary following career criminal Jerry McGill's quest for redemption through music, has its New York premiere at the Wythe Hotel Cinema on Jan. 18.



Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636–4100], www.bam.org.

MUSIC, SLICK RICK: \$15. 9 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963–3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

MUSIC, BRIDGES AND POWERLINES, HIGH WAISTED, EULA: \$8. 9 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638–4400], www.unionhallnyc.com.

COMEDY, LATE NIGHT BALENY WITH CHRIS ROSE: One-year anniversary show, with guests Sara Schaefer, Trieste Kelly Dunn, the creators of "High Maintenance," and Max Silvestri. Free. 9 pm. Pine Box Rock Shop [12 Grattan St. between Bogart Street and Morgan Avenue in Bushwick, (802) 497–4719], latenightbasement.tumblr.com.

MUSIC, LEVON VINCENT/ DJ QU/ DAKIN9 WITH TERENCE PARKER/ DJ SPIDER: \$20. 10 pm. Output [74 Wythe Ave. at N. 12th Street in Williamsburg], outputclub.com.

MUSIC, FLOATING POINTS (EGLO), PHIL SOUTH (GOLF CHANNEL), LOVE ON THE RUN: \$12. 11:30 pm. Glasslands [289 Kent Ave. at S. Second Street in Williamsburg], www.glasslands.com.

SAT, JAN. 18

MUSIC, "I SHUT MY EYES" VIDEO RELEASE: Small Dream Ada premiere the music video for their new single. Donations requested. 6–10 pm. Amos Eno Gallery [1087 Flushing Ave. between Porter and

Knickerbocker avenues, Suite 120 in Bushwick, (718) 237–3001], <https://www.facebook.com/amosenogallery>.

MUSIC, TV TRAMPS, BOOGEYMEN, JOHNNY MELLOR'S BASTARDS, LOVE AMONG RUINS, THE REGULARS: \$8. 8 pm. Trash Bar [256 Grand St. at Driggs Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599–1000], www.thetrashbar.com.

MUSIC, ISLE OF RHODES: Free. 8 pm. Spike Hill Tavern [184 Bedford Ave. at N. Seventh Street in Williamsburg, (718) 218–9737], www.spikehill.com.

MUSIC, NEW BOMB TURKS, BORN LOOSE, NERVOSAS: \$15. 9 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643–6510], www.thebellhouseny.com.

MUSIC, MATTHEW DEAR, MATT TOLFREY, RYAN CROSSAN, JOZIF: \$20. 10 pm. The Paper Box [17 Meadow St. between Waterbury and Bogart streets in Bushwick, (718) 383–3815], www.paperbox-nyc.com.

ART, "A-SIDE/B-SIDE": Exhibition examining the trend of artists extending their creativity outside the realm of a traditional studio practice and into the everyday world. info@rhombusspace.com. 1–5 pm. Rhombus Space [183 Lorraine St. between Clinton and Court streets, Third Floor in Red Hook], www.rhombusspace.com.

WALKING TOUR: Join Urban Rangers for a tour of historic sites of the American Revolution. Wear appropriate clothing. Free. 1 pm. Fort Greene Park Visitor Center [Enter park at Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park in Fort Greene, (718) 722–3218].

FILM, "VERY EXTREMELY DANGER-

OUS": Documentary following career criminal Jerry McGill's quest for redemption through music — which eventually becomes a violent journey. Q&A with filmmakers Robert Gordon and Paul Duane will follow the screening. \$10. 7 pm. Wythe Hotel Cinema [80 Wythe Ave. at N. 11th Street in Williamsburg], www.brownpapertickets.com/event/549505.

SUN, JAN. 19

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY CELEBRATION: Potluck breakfast followed by African drumming performance led by Sounds of Afrika. Free. 10 am. Kings Bay Y-North Williamsburg [14 Hope St. between Roebling and Havemeyer streets in Williamsburg, (718) 407–6388], tinyurl.com/nyr5wvs.

ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLE: Bring your e-waste to dispose of. Free. 10 am–4 pm. Prospect Park Circle (Third St. and Prospect Park West in Prospect Park).

ART, "THE FASHION WORLD OF JEAN ARTY FACTS: Children 4 to 7 years old explore the galleries, enjoy an activity and take an art class. \$10 materials fee plus museum admission. 11 am and 1:30 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638–5000], www.brooklynmuseum.org.

READING, LIT AT LARK: Hear fiction and nonfiction by award-winning, best-selling, and up-and-coming writers during this monthly series. Free. 5 pm. Lark Cafe [1007 Church Ave. between Stafford and E. 10th Street in Kensington, (718) 469–0140], facebook.com/litalark.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR PEACE: Hosted by Peace Action Bay Ridge Interfaith. Free. 7 pm. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church [7420 Fourth Ave. in Bay Ridge, (646) 824–5506], www.panys.org/BR.

READING, ROBERT GORDON: Author of "Respect Yourself–Stax Records and the Soul Explosion." Free. 7 pm. Wythe Hotel Cinema [80 Wythe Ave. at N. 11th Street in Williamsburg], www.brownpapertickets.com/event/549604.

WASABASSCO'S KONG: A full theatrical burlesque tribute to 1933's King Kong, presented by Nasty Canasta, Wasabassco, and Wyt's End. \$30. 8 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643–6510], www.thebell-houseny.com.

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Dishes best served cold

‘Competitive Winter Picnicking’ gets diners creating outdoor feasts in freezing temps at Prospect Park

By **Jaime Lutz**
The Brooklyn Paper

This is one winter game that you won’t find in the Olympics this year.

“Competitive Winter Picnicking” — the brainchild of local artist Mark Krawczuk — will pit teams of cold-weather diners against each other on the lawns of Prospect Park, to see which can create the finest al fresco feast. To take the title, the teams will vie for dominance in categories such as best food, best drink, best visual display, and least amount of clothes worn.

“I like a big party that gets people to do fun, expressive things,” said Krawczuk. “It’s always great when there is a novel problem or a simple template and then see how everyone approaches it. There tends to be a lot of smiles, discussion, and mutual admiration.”

There will be several smaller awards up for grabs, focusing on individual aspects of the picnics, but the big awards, in descending order, are “Best in Show,” “Winner,” and “First Place.”

What to pack

If you want to picnic like a champion this winter — whether you are competing for a prize or not — you are going to need a few essentials. And it would not be a real Brooklyn picnic if those items were not locally-sourced from borough purveyors. Here are a few we recommend:

Hot chocolate

The rich, indulgent mix from Jacques Torres is arguably the best in Brooklyn. Drinking alcohol in public is illegal, so we definitely would not recommend spiking it with a touch of whiskey. Nope, not at all.

Jacques Torres [66 Water St. between Dock and Main streets in Dumbo, (718) 875-1269, www.mrchocolate.com].

Warm blanket

If there is snow on the

ground, you will need to lay a tarp down first, but to have a proper winter picnic, you will need something cozy to sit on. Brook Farm General Store has a number of cozy wool blankets that are nice enough to be re-used anywhere.

Brook Farm General Store [75 S. Sixth St. near Berry Street in Williamsburg, (718) 388-8642, www.brookfarm-generalstore.com]

Pierogi

Picnics are best with finger food, but standard five-finger fare like pickles and fruit salad

are a little chilly for this time of year. Dumplings from any culture are a great substitute — just fry them up and keep them in an insulated bag. For an even simpler approach, grab some pierogi to go at Greenpoint’s Lomzynianka.

Lomzynianka [646 Manhattan Ave. between Norman and Nassau avenues in Greenpoint, (718) 389-9439, www.lomzynianka.com]

Sandwiches

For the main course, however, takeout is cheating. For a real picnic, you should make your own meal — preferably something you can eat with two gloved hands. Of course, a good sandwich requires good bread — try the classic fresh-baked loaves than Bay Ridge Bakery.

Bay Ridge Bakery [7805 Fifth Ave. at 78th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 238-0014, www.bayridgebakery.com].

“It is unclear to the judges how we will judge this, as it hasn’t been done this before,” Krawczuk said. “And no one wants a second or third place trophy. So I decided to have three categories of overall winning. I am sure it will all work itself out the day of.”

Though the event is quirky, it is not “hipster bait,” Krawczuk insists — its primary focus is fun, even at the expense of coolness.

“I am hoping it mainly attracts people who want to have fun, and I don’t see fun being a territory limited by age or having offspring,” he said. “I’ve gotten responses across the board, from the so-hip-it-hurts to those with newborns. I think daytime in the park, eating things, while being clever and fun about it is a common ground many can find.”

Krawczuk said that he hopes that the event will help build a stronger community in Brooklyn — but for its debut on Jan. 19, he will focus on some simpler goals.

“I have a feeling there will be a lot of good hats,” he said.



Pic-a-nick basket: Organizer Mark Krawczuk knows a thing or two about packing for a picnic.



A place for happiness: Ishmael Beah’s new novel, “Radiance of Tomorrow,” looks at a community returning to its hometown after the ravishes of war.

From boy soldier to Bklyn scribe

Former kid-at-arms pens book on life after warfare

By **Danielle Furfaro**
The Brooklyn Paper

Novelist Ishmael Beah is wise beyond his years. He has no choice but to be — between the ages of 13 and 16, Beah was a soldier in the Sierra Leone civil war. Beah, now 33 and living in Brooklyn, survived the war and has been working to spread the message of peace via his books ever since. We caught up with Beah before his upcoming reading at Greenlight Bookstore on Jan. 20.

Danielle Furfaro: Your new book, “Radiance of Tomorrow,” is a fictional book based on real events. What is the book is from your experience and what is fiction?

Ishmael Beah: When dealing with a return to a town after a war, I made the observation that nobody is paying attention to what happens after the guns are silent. It is another

battle. It’s not only a physical battle, but also a psychological one. How do you live next to someone who hurt you in the war? How do you see your town when it was torn apart? It was a little observation and a lot of imagination of what was going on. It happens all over the world, not only in Sierra Leone, but in many other places. I used my imagination about how it would go.

DF: What are your favorite characters in your new book?

IB: One of my favorite characters is Mama Kadie, an elderly woman returning to a town devastated by war. For her character, I tried to envision what it would be like for my grandmother to return. She is the wisdom in the book and is passing on the knowledge to everyone else. And then there is Colonel, who is trying to make sure no one robs him of his dignity.

DF: What did you feel when you returned to Sierra Leone after all

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Ishmael Beah will discuss “Radiance of Tomorrow” with fellow author Dinaw Mengestu at Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliot Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200, www.greenlightbookstore.com]. Jan. 20 at 7:30 pm. Free.

has changed. It is now home and the place I like to be.

DF: How often do you go?

IB: Two or three times a year. I try to go as often as I can.

DF: Do you hope that this book can be used by people in places like Sierra Leone and other war-torn countries as a way to help them heal from trauma?

IB: When you write something, I don’t think you anticipate how it will be used. You just ask the questions and try to answer them. How do you move towards a future when the past is pulling at you? Peace and happiness is not the absence of challenge in your life. All of these people are able to love each other and have a family. These are some of the topics I wanted to raise in this narrative. When you don’t have what you had before, how do you hope for it? What does not having your old life have to do with your humanity?

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Liberty Church Brooklyn opens doors in former ‘City of Churches’

New church plant to hold weekly services in Brooklyn starting Sunday, Jan. 19 at 9:30 am.

The mid-19th century was an exciting time for Brooklyn — ground was broken on Prospect Park, the first carousel in Coney Island was erected, and the iconic Brooklyn brownstones were popping up across the borough to house the influx of new, middle-class residents. In those days, Brooklyn was known as “The City of Churches.”

Today, Liberty Church announces that on Sunday, January 19, Liberty Church Brooklyn will join the movement to bring life-giving churches back to Brooklyn, opening its doors for the first of its weekly services starting at 9:30 a.m. at the United Artist’s Cinema at 106 Court Street in Downtown Brooklyn.

During the service, guests can expect a friendly atmosphere and a real sense of community, with heartfelt worship music and bible-based teaching for everyday people, with real-time Spanish translation available. Join the team in the lounge before and after the service for coffee, tea, snacks and good conversation. Liberty Church places a huge value on family and the generations, including its dynamic Liberty Kids program, which will run concurrent to the services.

“Liberty Church Brooklyn is a church for the young and the old, the believers and the skeptics. It’s a church for everyone — for Brooklyn,” says Paul Andrew, Lead Pastor of Liberty Church. “We’re be-



lieving to stand with other churches in this community, and help Brooklyn reclaim the title that it once held as “The City of Churches.”

With its emphasis on building a community, not just a crowd, Liberty Church also holds mid-week Community Groups. The new Community Group season, which starts February 3, includes a variety of spiritual, personal-development and spiritual-focused groups for all life-stages. Around 80 percent of the Liberty Church community typically participates in Community Groups.

Liberty Church Brooklyn is the newest church plant in the Liberty Church family, which began in 2010 when lead pastors Paul and Andi Andrew made the decision to move with their kids from Sydney to New York City to plant Liberty Church. At the time, they knew only two other people in the city. Just a few short years later, what started as a dream has flourished into a dynamic,

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MON, JAN. 20

STOP GUN/GANG VIOLENCE FORUM: Featuring a speaker from the NAACP's New York branch. 5:30–8:30 pm. Thomas Jefferson HS (400 PPennsylvania Ave. at Blake Avenue in East New York).

BROOKLYN TRIBUTE TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.: New York City's largest celebration of the civil rights leader will feature a keynote address from Angela Davis, and performances by Jose James and the BCCC Singers. **Free.** 10:30 am. Brooklyn Academy of Music, Howard Gilman Opera House [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix St. in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], www.bam.org.

FILM, MUPPET VAULT: Gonzo the Great! Screening of "The Muppet Show" classics featuring Gonzo. \$8. 7:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

MUSIC, GOOD TINY, SPOOKY ACTION, RETAIL: \$7. 8 pm. Trash Bar [256 Grand St. at Driggs Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599-1000], www.thetrashbar.com.

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TUES, JAN. 21

COMMUNITY SPEAKOUT: The Justice for Kyam Livingston campaign hosts a community speakout for Brooklyn residents who have been through the central bookings process. **Free.** 6 pm. Flatbush Reformed Church [890 Flatbush Ave. at Church Avenue in Flatbush, (347) 302-7495], www.facebook.com/justice4kyamlivings-ton.

READING, SUSANNA KEARSLEY, BEATRIZ WILLIAMS, LAUREN WILLIG: Authors of "The Splendour Falls," "A Hundred Summers," and "The Asford Affair," respectively. **Free.** 7 pm. Word Bookstore [126 Franklin St. between Milton and Noble streets in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096], www.wordbrooklyn.com.

ASK ME ANOTHER: Blend of brainteasers and pub trivia hosted by Ophira Eisenberg, with guest Sarah Janssen, editor of the 2014 World Almanac. \$15. 7:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouse.com.

COMEDY, THE JUKEBOX: Sing-along comedy show hosted by Steve(s) Heisler and Jacobs and Margaret Lyons. \$6. 8 pm. Union



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Ice, ice, baby: "Disney on Ice" is at the Barclays Center, from Jan. 22.

Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

MUSIC, FLIGHT OF FIRE, THE LIZA COLBY SOUND, THE PRETTIOTS, JEFF: \$7. 8 pm. Trash Bar [256 Grand St. at Driggs Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599-1000], www.thetrashbar.com.

WED, JAN. 22

DISNEY ON ICE: More than 60 of Disney's unforgettable characters come to life. \$15–\$244. 7:30 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Prospect Heights, (917) 618-6100], www.barclayscenter.com.

SCOTT SIMON'S WONDERFUL TOWN: A pilot recording for a new NPR program with guests Eugene Mirman, Nellie McKay, Polkajorn & Kleine Heine, Nore Davis, and Mars mission specialists Jane Poynter and Tabor MacCallum. \$10. 7:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouse.com.

MUSIC, SKELETON DEALER, DEADLY ROMANCE, BACK ALLEY PREACHERS, MADE IN MOTION: \$7. 8 pm. Trash Bar [256 Grand St. at Driggs Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599-1000], www.thetrashbar.com.

TWIN PEAKS BINGO: Gather with fellow Twin Peaks lovers, gorge on doughnuts and Agent Cooper cocktails, and play bingo! **Free.** 8:30 pm. Videology [308 Bedford Ave. at S. First Street in Williamsburg], www.videology.info.

MUSIC, THE RURAL ALBERTA ADVANTAGE, NEW LANDS: \$18. 8:30 pm. Glasslands [289 Kent Ave. at S. Second Street in Williamsburg], www.glasslands.com.

MUSIC, TONI SEAWRIGHT: \$15 (two-drink minimum). 8:30 pm. Five Spot [459 Myrtle Ave. at Washington Avenue in Clinton Hill, (917) 862-9747/(917) 769-7808].

THURS, JAN. 23

READING, RACHEL LOUISE SNYDER: Author of "What We've Lost is Nothing." With Danielle Evans. **Free.** 7–9 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

MUSIC, KARL DENSON'S TINY UNIVERSE: \$15. 8 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklyn-bowl.com.

FILM, "LIFE IN STILLS": Documentary screening as part of the Brooklyn Israel Film Festival. \$12. 8 pm. Kane Street Synagogue [236 Kane St. between Court Street and Tompkins Place in Cobble Hill, (718) 875-1550], kanestreet.org/iff.

MUSIC, ANACORTES, THE INNS: \$10. 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

MUSIC, MYSTIK SPIRAL PRESENTS: A Sick Covers Show: Covering music from the bands Rage Against the Machine, Nirvana, Blink 182, and Weezer. \$7. 8 pm. Trash Bar [256 Grand St. at Driggs Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599-1000], www.thetrashbar.com.

FRI, JAN. 24

MUSIC, GRACE & SPIRITUS CHORALE OF BROOKLYN: Winter concert featuring a cantata by Johann Sebastian Bach, a song cycle by Morten Lauridsen and a commissioned piece by Brooklyn composer Lainie Fefferman. **Free.** 7 pm. St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church [157 Montague St. between Henry and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights], www.graceand-spiritus.org.

MUSIC, THE DETROIT COBRAS, NUDE BEACH, THE ABOVE: \$15. 9 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouse.com.

NERD NITE: A night of lectures and trivia, including presentations on how the Pentagon can kill monsters,

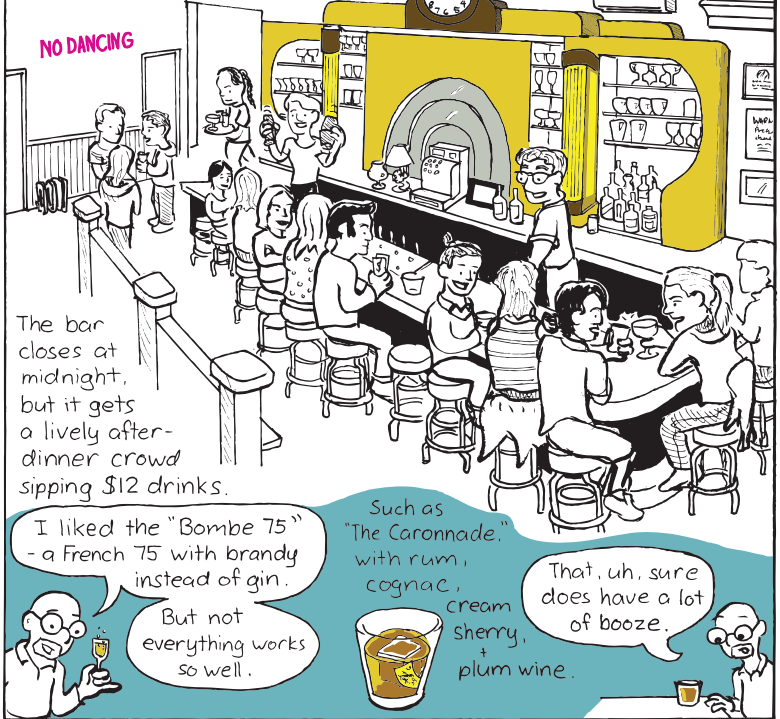
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Luxury lofts coming to Fulton Mall

By **Jaime Lutz**
The Brooklyn Paper

Forget waterfront high-rises, condos in former factories, and houseboats on the Gowanus Canal — Brooklynites will soon have the chance to live in a loft above Fulton Mall.

The 123-year-old Offerman department store building at 505 Fulton St. is being renovated to house four stories of luxury lofts above a retail complex on the rapidly changing commercial strip. When the landmarked building opens its doors to prospective renters — which is supposed to happen late this year — it will be the first time in decades the shopping haven has housed people (apart from a building at 490 Fulton St. that Long Island Uni-



This building at 505 Fulton St. will return apartments to Fulton Mall.

versity converted to dorms in 2012). “It’s going to be unlike anything else anywhere,” said developer Jody Laboz, who co-owns the building with his

brother Al. “It’s going to be Old World meets New. We’re going to restore all the charm and character and the bones of the building.”

The overhaul of the ornate seven-story structure is part of a project by the Laboz brothers’ United American Land company, which has had a big hand in transforming the commercial strip.

In 2005, Al Laboz, longtime chairman of the Fulton Mall Improvement Association, told this paper he would redevelop the shopping area known as the Main Street of Black America the way he did Soho and Tribeca in Manhattan, converting the old commercial space into chic loft digs with the help of public money. The following year he told the New York Observer that he wanted to

“make Fulton Mall into 34th Street” with “a sprinkling” of high-end lingerie and women’s clothing stores on the drag known for its sneaker and cellphone shops but anchored by a Macy’s.

It appears that he is getting his wish. The Offerman complex will include a TJ Maxx discount threads depot and sits next door to the already-opened location of the Swedish clothier H&M in a glass-walled building that the Laboz brothers also own. The surrounding few blocks still contain a smattering of hat and jewelry shops and lunch spots, but are also home to a growing crop of luxury retailers such as a Swarovski jewelry store and an Armani Exchange.

But apartments, which have in large part driven the massive upward devel-

opment of Downtown since the neighborhood’s 2004 rezoning, will be a new sight on Fulton Mall. Shoppers we spoke to said they saw the latest change coming, but that does not necessarily make it a good thing.

“They have to build places for the young professional,” said Rock Smith, a lifelong Brooklynite browsing the racks at Fulton Mall’s Gap outlet. “It’s all part of gentrification.”

Residents of the 120 luxury lofts will not actually open up their doors onto the

shopping haven, but will instead exit onto Duffield Street. As for the apartments themselves, they are going to be a sight to behold, according to Jody Laboz.

“Some of these apartments are going to have 15-foot ceilings,” he said. “There’s also going to be a common roof-deck and a magnificent atrium.”

The Offerman building housed Martin’s Department Store from 1924 to 1979 and was home to a Conway low-cost outfitter ahead of its latest overhaul.

Brooklyn Hospital’s comeback

Bounced back from bankruptcy just eight years ago

By **Jaime Lutz**
The Brooklyn Paper

The Fort Greene medical center that wants to buy Long Island College Hospital and turn it into apartments with some medical facilities has come a long way since 2005.

That year, Brooklyn Hospital Center found itself hundreds of millions of dollars in debt and managers filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. But now, the hospital is apparently in the black and wants to buy its Cobble Hill coun-

terpart, with the help of a private equity firm and a developer, Crain’s New York Business reported.

“Brooklyn Hospital Center is doing well economically, overall,” said Brooklyn Hospital spokesman Eric Sommer, who would not speak on the record about his company’s takeover bid.

This is not the first time that Brooklyn Hospital has stood to bail out other healthcare providers. A state-commissioned report on Brooklyn hospitals in 2011

recommended that the institution merge with Interfaith Medical Center and Wyckoff Heights Hospital to keep those hospitals alive.

“In light of the precarious financial positions of Interfaith and Wyckoff, the [consultants] would like to ensure that Brooklyn Hospital, which has recently emerged from bankruptcy and is demonstrating sound financial practices, is not brought down by this plan,” the report said.

Brooklyn Hospital did not bite, and Wyckoff and Inter-

faith are still struggling to stay open. But the Long Island College Hospital pitch, which involves keeping some medical facilities open but turning other property over to apartments, is attractive to Brooklyn Hospital. It cannot hurt that the Cobble Hill wellness center sits on real estate valued at as much as \$500-million.

Brooklyn Hospital is part of the New York-Presbyterian Healthcare System, as is Park Slope’s New York Methodist Hospital, which is also looking to expand.

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College Hospital and spent 2013 trying to shutter it, offered to hand the keys over to the city rather than considering a competing bid to redevelop it. Brooklyn Hospital’s proposal does not include inpatient services, but Clark said that it may have better luck winning over Long Island College Hospital’s staffers than competing pitches.

“Part of this proposal is

to engage the unions,” Clark said, adding that the Brooklyn Hospital plan would save some of the 1,442 jobs that would be lost if the Cobble Hill medical center closed altogether. Clark could not give a number of the jobs that the new medical center would retain or say where the apartment buildings would be located.

Long Island College Hospital activists and unions did not return requests for comment, but the New York State Nurses Association has long said that it would not accept an over-

haul for the troubled 156-year-old Cobble Hill institution that included anything less than a full service hospital.

The State University of

New York would not comment on the latest bid and a board meeting to weight it and a competing plan did not produce a decision by press time.

COMEDY...

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improvise that will make you strong and fearless.”

The Annoyance may represent the first real challenge to the prevailing definition of what New York improv is, and Markle hopes to one day open a theater location

in Brooklyn, but first he has to get people signed up for lessons.

“[Starting a theater] would be a dream for everyone,” Markle said. “But right now our plan is to fill out the classes until we have a graduating class.”

LIBRARY...

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by the Exxon Valdez crash b) they valued their independence, and c) they stood to lose the support of the indie arts community that would presumably frown on the tarnished money.

The problem with the story is that the world’s largest publicly traded oil and gas company is not in the habit of making unsolicited offers to save hipster houses of mellow education.

“ExxonMobil Corporation has a long and proud tradition of supporting a wide range of worthy charitable causes, and the funding scenario the library’s officials describe in no way comports with the open and transparent way we handle our charitable and philanthropic giving,” he said.

After they were exposed, Nelson and Perkins posted an explanation on the library’s Facebook page.

“We lied to the press, a major corporation, our friends, our patron base and our families in order to complete this project,” they wrote. “We’re sorry if you feel personally betrayed or if you think that we sacrificed your good, healthy relationship for what people have been calling ‘a hoax’ or ‘a prank’ or ‘a joke.’ We didn’t do this as a lark. We did it as a statement twisted around a hard truth. Independent funding is f-----.”

Perkins told the website Brokelyn that the deception was more of a performance than a prank.

“We had no intention of capitalizing on this and there’s been no material gain,” he told the website.

But the tale also got traction and pulled at people’s purse strings. The Facebook responses to the long posting detailing the Exxon refusal are filled with offers of cold, hard cash.

“Where is the link where we can all donate to in solidarity?!” wrote Liz Clark Wessel.

Many others echoed the sentiment.

Once the prank was revealed, though, many online fans said it was as low as an avant-garde book-borrowing

business could go. “I have to say this is probably one of the most disappointing things I have encountered since moving to New York,” wrote former supporter Conal Darcy on Facebook.

“Was belittling your fanbase with this prank actually worth it?” wrote Jimmy McMillan. “I don’t see why anybody would visit your library if you feel the need for this kind of cheap publicity.”

Last Wednesday, Perkins declined to provide a reporter with a copy of the donation letter, saying he was afraid that ExxonMobil would sue him and his partner. The next day, after the reporter got in touch with ExxonMobil, neither librarian calls.



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PARENT

Steph leads her kids to water

The old proverb “You can lead a horse to water, but you can’t make him drink” is a sort of parenting mantra I repeat over and over again, a reminder to myself of the fact that all humans — even the wee ones — have their very own minds.

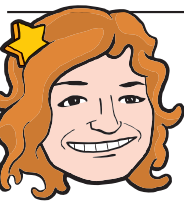
But. Lately it has occurred to me that even though I might not be able to fully control the outcome, I need to take the reins and be a better leader. Even though I want to give my kids the confidence to make their own decisions, sometimes they

need a little nudge to make the not-so-fun choice.

Take television, for example. Even though we don’t have basic cable, we do have the Internet, and my children now have a computer in their room. I always swore I would never be one of those people whose children could hole themselves up in their room watching shows, but I have become one of those people whose children can hole themselves up in their room and watch shows!

I coax and cajole. I yell up at them from the kitchen, “Enough! Get off!”

And yet. It is so blissfully peaceful downstairs with the two of them absorbed in “Dr. Who.” I can talk on the phone without interruption, or even to



Fearless Parenting

By Stephanie Thompson

a real, live friend. I can putter around tidying up and no one is there to make another mess except me. I could even just stand at the sink and potentially form a complete thought.

But. Life can easily roll by with little else having been accomplished but the logging of many, many screen hours. And I remind myself (after my visiting 20-year-old niece shamed me

into remembering) that I hate television. I meant to ban it on school days? What happened to my resolve, to my leadership capabilities?

It occurs to me, for the millionth time that I need to get up there and unplug them and make them figure some more interesting things to do with their lives.

Don’t get me wrong. There are great things to be learned

on those little boxes. For example, prompted by my friend Michael Hearst’s e-mail, we tuned in recently to the latest installment of his awesome “Unusual Creatures” series on PBS Digital, a fun look at the strange animals he features in his “Unusual Creatures” book, and the inspiration behind the music he created to match the weird wonderful beings for the Unusual Creatures album. Very cool, very informative. We even got to see our own Brooklyn street right there on the screen, since much of it is filmed in Park Slope, where Michael lives.

But. I need to have more say. I have let things slip lately slightly out of my control, partly due to that aforementioned mantra and the fact that I have a penchant to let people do as they please.

I calmly decided the other night to exhibit some parental leadership and I told the children that they absolutely must not have nearly as much “screen time” as they had been. Holidays are over, school is back in session, it is a new year, and, most importantly, they have to figure other things they like to do.

And they didn’t really fight. They nodded, they knew. They even seemed slightly pleased that I’d finally taken the reins, kind of like how I feel when someone else decides for me to take away the plate of delicious cookies.

Aha! Even though I know it, I have to recall that kids like rules. We all do.

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PLAYHOUSE...

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building hadn’t been used in years, and a zoning variance that will allow the nightclub to open is void as a result.

But one of the structure’s owners, Sharon Ackerman, who handed over the lease to Brooklyn Bowl honcho Peter Shapiro in 2012, claimed the warehouse has been a bustling piece of her plumbing and heating business since 1982, though neighbors with day jobs may not have been around to see it.

“People who work 9-to-5 or 9-to-6, would not see our trucks leaving and entering the building unless they stood there all day,” she said at the hearing.

“We maintained the entire building at 280 Bond St. for our business.”

We Are Gowanus reps countered that there is no evidence fear happened there for at least the last two years, meaning the building should be stripped of its commercial use since it sits within a zone that does not allow the business to be there.

A local pol concurred, saying the city should revisit its October decision to approve the family-oriented eatery that will turn into a music venue at night.

“It is an exceptionally quiet block,” Councilman Steve Levin said.

“This deserves the highest level of scrutiny.”

Activists fear the play place will be an unruly rock hall, but Shapiro has insisted that it will be a low-key jazz club with occasional lectures and theatrical performances.

During the day, it is slated to offer kids music classes with names such as Reggae for Babies and Little Rockers.

The city asked the venue to submit phone bills and evidence of employment at the Bond Street warehouse before another hearing on March 25.

NETS

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at a base price of \$25, but the team has since played some terrible basketball and executives have quietly introduced a dynamic pricing scheme that sets values based on likely demand, the website first noted. Under the new system, for instance, tickets start at \$15 (plus a \$5.35 fee) for next Wednesday night’s game against the Charlotte Bobcats, while the cheapest you can get into the Friday, Jan. 31 game against the Oklahoma City Thunder, which more working people will be able to attend, is \$75 (plus another so-called “service fee” this one for \$11.70).

A longtime Atlantic Yards opponent said the Barclays Center could combat scalping by forcing buyers to pick up their tickets at a will-call box office and that the failed delivery is only the latest in a string of broken promises.

“The Nets average close to 900 unsold tickets a game, and the Nets are infamous for understating the number of unsold tickets” said Eric McClure, president of the group Park Slope Neighbors.

Barclays honchos are giving away 54 tickets to winners of an obscure monthly lottery run by Rev. Herbert Daughtry, an activist and pastor at the House of the Lord Church on Atlantic Avenue. One lucky winner gets to sit in a sky box. That giveaway is part of the Community Benefits Agreement developer Forest City Ratner signed.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, EMI-GRANT MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., Plaintiff, vs. JADZIA MALINOWSKI, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on May 01, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on February 13, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. premises known as 158 15th Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 1047 and Lot 13. Approximate amount of judgment is \$519,811.47 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 22865/08. Francis Terrell, Esq., Referee Borchert & LaSpina, P.C., 19-02 Whitestone Expressway, Suite 302, Whitestone, New York 11357, Attorneys for Plaintiff

Notice of Public Forum
WHEN: ..., Monday, February 10, 2014 at 7pm
WHERE: "Downtown Brooklyn Partnership Office 1 MetroTech Center North, Suite 1003 Brooklyn, New York 11201

MORE INFO: CityPoint-BrooklynNY@gmail.com

Albee Development, the master developer of the City Point site (1 DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn, New York), is applying for a temporary closure of a 191-foot dead end segment of Fleet Street that is located between Flatbush Avenue Extension and Albee Square in Downtown Brooklyn to allow for construction of the project's affordable housing component. The affected street segment is proposed for closure through 2016. By law, all street closures lasting longer than 180 days require a public forum to be followed by a Community Reassessment, Impact, and Amelioration Statement (CRIA) or Environmental Assessment Statement incorporating any public comments and responses. At this forum, Albee Development will present information about the temporary street closure. Members of the public are invited to attend and will be given the opportunity to make comments. This forum complies with Local Law 24 of 2005, (Title 34, Chapter 2, Section 2-16 of the Rules of the City of New York).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The NYC Board of Standard & Appeals has scheduled a public hearing on the following application: Variance (\$72-21) to permit the proposed re-establishment of residential building contrary to §42.00. M1-1 zoning district. Address: 164 Coffey Street, east side of Coffey Street, 100' northeast of intersection of Coffey Street and Conover Street, Block 585, Lot 39, Borough of Brooklyn. Applicant: Rothkrug, Rothkrug & Spector, LLP, for Jessica and Matthew Sheehan, owners. Community Board No.: 6BK. This application, Cal. No.: 211-12-BZ, has been calendared for public hearing on Tuesday, February 04, 2014, 10:00 A.M. session, in Spector Hall, 22 Reade Street, Borough of Manhattan. Interested persons or associations may appear at the hearing to present testimony regarding this application. This application can be reviewed at the Board offices, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. This notice is published by the applicant in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Board of Standards & Appeals. Dated: January 17 and 24, 2014 Rothkrug, Rothkrug & Spector, LLP., Applicant

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The NYC Board of Standards and Appeals has scheduled a public hearing on the following application: Variance (\$72-21) to permit the operation of a physical culture establishment (H.I.T. Factory Improved) on the second floor of the existing building contrary to §32-10 zoning resolution. C1-3R6B zoning district. Address: ..., 7914 Third Avenue, west Side of Third Avenue between 79th and 80th Street, Block 5978, Lot 46, Borough of Brooklyn. Applicant: Sheldon Lobel, P.C., for SKP Realty, owner; H.I.T. Factory Approved Inc., owner. Community Board No.: 10BK

This application, Cal. No.: 274-13-BZ, has been calendared for Public Hearing Tuesday, January 28, 2014, 10:00 A.M. session, in Spector Hall, 22 Reade Street, Borough of Manhattan. Interested persons or associations may appear at the hearing to present testimony regarding this application. This application can be reviewed at the Board offices, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. This notice is published by the applicant in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Board of Standards and Appeals. Dated: January 10 and 17, 2014 Sheldon Lobel, P.C., Applicant

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY SUMMONS AND NOTICE
Index No. 14679-12 NYCTL 2011-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs, vs. MYRDOT REALTY CORP.;

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TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the amended complaint in the above-entitled foreclosure action, and to serve a copy of your answer on plaintiffs' attorney within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal service within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the amended complaint. Kings County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the subject premises. Dated: September 25, 2013 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing summons and notice is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an Order of Honorable Kenneth P. Sherman, a Justice of the Supreme Court, dated November 21, 2013, and filed with supporting papers in the Kings County Clerk's Office.

This is an action to foreclose a tax lien covering the property known as 1543 62nd Street, Borough of Brooklyn, New York and identified as Block 5523, Lot 60 (the "Tax Parcel"). The relief sought is the sale of the Tax Parcel at public auction in satisfaction of the tax lien. In case of your failure to appear, judgment may be taken against you in the sum of \$ 45,392.77, together with interest, costs, disbursements and attorneys' fees of this action, and directing the public sale of the Tax Parcel. Anthony J. Iacchetta Phillips Lytle LLP Office and Post Office Address 1400 First Federal Plaza Rochester, New York 14614 Tel. No. (585)238-2000

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE
Index No. 7372/2013 Date Filed: 1/7/2014 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff, against Lena Hendrix a/k/a Lena Norwood Hendrix, Individually and as Administratrix of the Estate of Torivia Norwood a/k/a Torivia L. Norwood; Margarita Jackson a/k/a Margarita Norwood Jackson, Individually and as Voluntary Administratrix of Melita Matzen a/k/a Melita Norwood Matzen; William Norwood a/k/a William Norwood, Jr, if he be living or if he be dead, his spouse, heirs devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff; The United States of America acting through the Secretary of Housing & Urban Development; Criminal Court of the City of New York; City of New York Environmental Control Board; City of New York Parking Violations Bureau; City of New York Transit Adjudication Bureau; State of New York, and "JOHN DOE", said name being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises, Defendants. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 246 54th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11220 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive

of the day of service. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$544,185.00 and interest, recorded in the KINGS County Office of the City Register on November 15, 2006, in CRFN: 2006000633062 covering premises known as 246 54th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11220. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates KINGS County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE EN-

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